WHAT IS CLAIMED:

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1. An intraluminal guide wire, comprising:

an elongated core having a proximal core section and a distal core section having a distal end;

wherein at least a section of the elongated core includes at least one of randomized and non-randomized tactile surface contours;

an uninterrupted polymer coating with a generally constant outside diameter adhering to at least a portion of the elongated core and having a surface contour that follows the at least one of randomized and non-randomized tactile surface contours in the elongated core; and

a flexible tubular member disposed over the distal core section.

- 2. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein the surface contours have a surface-to-peak amplitude of about 0.0002 to 0.002 inch.
- 3. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include at least a bump.
 - 4. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include at least a divot.
 - 5. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include at least a helical pattern.
- 20 6. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include at least a rib.
 - 7. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours includes a plurality of ribs spaced about 0.05 cm to 2 cm apart.

- 8. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include at least an undulation.
- 9. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include at least a longitudinal groove.
- 5 10. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include ridges and dips.
 - 11. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein tactile surface contours include at least a circumferential groove.
- 12. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein the flexible tubular member is disposed over the polymer coating.
 - 13. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein the polymer coating is disposed over the flexible tubular member.
 - 14. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein the proximal core section includes a high strength steel and the distal core section includes a nickel-titanium alloy.
 - 15. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 1, wherein the polymer coating includes a fluoropolymer.
 - 16. An intraluminal guide wire, comprising:

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an elongated core having a proximal core section and a distal core section including a taper transitioning to a distal end;

wherein an exterior surface of the distal core section is substantially smooth; a polymer coating of generally uniform thickness adhering to at least a portion of the distal core section with a coating profile following a tapered profile of the elongated core, the polymer coating having at least one of randomized and non-randomized tactile surface contours; and

a flexible tubular member disposed over the distal core section.

- 17. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 16, wherein the tactile surface contours includes a rib.
 - 18. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 16, wherein the tactile surface contours includes a helical pattern.
 - 19. The intraluminal guide wire of claim 16, wherein the tactile surface contours includes a longitudinal groove.
- 20. A method for providing an intraluminal guide wire, comprising: providing an elongated core having a proximal core section and a distal core section having a smooth exterior surface;

tapering a profile of the elongated core to transition into a distal end;

heating and extruding a polymer through a die to adhere to at least a portion of the elongated core to create a polymer coating; and

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imparting into the polymer coating at least one of randomized and nonrandomized tactile surface contours that are formed independently from the profile of the elongated core.

- 21. The method of claim 20, wherein imparting into the polymer coating includes localized heating of the polymer coating.
 - 22. The method of claim 21, wherein localized heating includes laser heating.

- 23. The method of claim 21, wherein localized heating includes laser heating aimed at right angle to the elongated core while advancing and rotating elongated core past the laser.
- 24. The method of claim 21, wherein localized heating includes translating the polymer coating past a heat source emitting heat in cycles.
 - 25. The method of claim 20, wherein imparting into the polymer coating includes changing an advancement speed of the elongated core through the die.
 - 26. The method of claim 20, wherein imparting into the polymer coating include applying impulse force to polymer.
- 10 27. The method of claim 20, wherein imparting into the polymer coating at least one of randomized and non-randomized tactile surface contours includes providing bumps in at least a portion of the elongated core.
 - 28. The method of claim 27, wherein providing bumps in at least a portion of the elongated core includes drawing the elongated core through a die.
- 15 29. The method of claim 20, wherein imparting into the polymer coating at least one of randomized and non-randomized tactile surface contours includes particle blasting the elongated core.
 - 30. The method of claim 20, wherein the polymer includes a fluoropolymer.